

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application are respectfully requested in view of the remarks herewith. The present amendment is being made to facilitate prosecution of the application.

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS AND FORMAL MATTERS

Claims 1-5 are currently pending. Claims 1, 4 and 5 are independent, are hereby amended. Support for this amendment is provided throughout the Specification, specifically at pages 11-12 and S27 in Figure 7.

No new matter has been introduced. It is submitted that these claims, as originally presented, were in full compliance with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112. Changes to claims are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §101, §102, §103, or §112. Rather, these changes are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicants are entitled.

II. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 1-5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,388,714 to Schein et al. (hereinafter, merely "Schein") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,721,536 to Shimazu (hereinafter, merely "Shimazu").

III. RESPONSE TO REJECTIONS

Claim 1 recites, *inter alia*:

“An information processing apparatus comprising:

...wherein the name of the distinct terminals being closest to where the information procession apparatus is located is first displayed during registration of the first subsidiary information or registration of the second subsidiary information.” (emphasis added)

Applicants submit that Schein and Shimazu, taken either alone or in combination, fail to disclose or suggest “wherein the name of the distinct terminals being closest to where the information procession apparatus is located is first displayed during registration of the first subsidiary information or registration of the second subsidiary information”, as recited in claim 1.

Indeed, a claimed feature of the present invention is that the location of the information processing apparatus is relevant to a terminal and the name of the closest terminal is displayed during registration. Applicants submit that the references used as a basis of rejection fail to teach or suggest this feature.

Therefore, Applicants submit that claim 1 is patentable.

For similar or somewhat similar reasons discussed above regarding claim 1, claims 4 and 5 are also patentable.

IV. DEPENDENT CLAIMS

The other claims are each dependent from one of the independent claims discussed above and are therefore believed patentable for at least the above-identified reasons. Since each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention,

however, the individual reconsideration of the patentability of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

Similarly, because Applicants maintain that all claims are allowable for at least the reasons presented hereinabove, in the interests of brevity, this response does not comment on each and every comment made by the Examiner in the Office Action. This should not be taken as acquiescence of the substance of those comments, and Applicants reserve the right to address such comments.

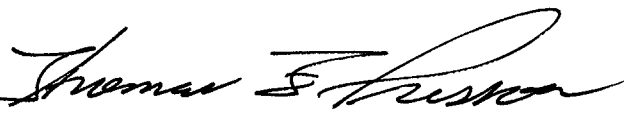
CONCLUSION

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In view of the foregoing remarks, it is believed that all of the claims in this application are patentable and Applicants respectfully request early passage to issue of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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